

REMARKS

Claims 19-32 were pending when last examined. All pending claims are shown in the detailed listing above.

Double Patenting

Claims 19-25 and 27-31 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of copending Application No. 09/751,424. The Examiner states that, “This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.”

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 19-25 and 27-31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be held in abeyance until there has been an indication of allowability for the claims of copending Application No. 09/751,424.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 19-25 and 27-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Quantrano et al. (USPN 6,748,420). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 19-25 and 27-31 contain limitations which are simply not disclosed in Quantrano et al. For example, Claim 19 recites *inter alia*, “A scalable system for collaborative computing comprising: a web zone for allowing a plurality of client computers to access the scalable system via a global-area network, the web zone having at least one web server; a meeting zone for supporting an on-line conference among the plurality of client computers, the meeting zone having a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers,

and a plurality of application servers..." Not all of these limitations are disclosed in Quantrano et al.

The Examiner asserts that such limitations are disclosed in "(Figs. 3, 8, 9 and Col. 18, Lines 7-15 and Col. 29, Line 66 to Col 30, Line 47)" of Quantrano et al. But that is simply not the case. The Examiner does not specify what elements in the cited portions of Quantrano et al. correspond to each of the "scalable system for collaborative computing," the "web zone," the "meeting zone," the "meeting manager," the "plurality of collaboration servers," and the "plurality of application servers," as required by Claim 19. The Examiner cannot do so because not all of these limitations are present in Quantrano et al. In order to maintain the rejection of Claim 19 as being anticipated by Quantrano et al., the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to specifically point out which items in Quantrano et al. correspond to each of the limitations recited in Claim 19. Otherwise, this rejection of Quantrano et al. cannot stand.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Quantrano et al. be withdrawn and this claim be allowed. Furthermore, because each of Claims 20 through 25 depend from Claim 19 and include further limitations, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) also be withdrawn and these claims allowed.

Claim 27 recites *inter alia*, "A method for collaborative computing in a scalable system having a web zone and a meeting zone, wherein the meeting zone has a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers, and a plurality of application servers..." Similar to Claim 19, as discussed above, the Examiner does not specify what elements in Quantrano et al. correspond to each of these limitations of the "scalable system," the "web zone," the "meeting zone," the "meeting manager," the "plurality of collaboration servers," and the "plurality of application servers," recited in Claim 27. Again the Examiner cannot do so because Quantrano et al. does disclose each of these limitations. Unless the Examiner

can specifically point out which items in Quantrano et al. correspond to each of the limitations recited in Claim 27, the present rejection of Claim 27 cannot stand.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Quantrano et al. be withdrawn and this claim be allowed. Furthermore, because each of Claims 28 through 31 depend from Claim 27 and include further limitations, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) also be withdrawn and these claims allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 26 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quantrano et al. (US 6,748,420) in view of Salesky et al. (US 6,343,313). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 26 and 32 depend from Claims 19 and 27 which, as discussed above, have limitations which are not disclosed in Quantrano et al. These limitations are also not disclosed or taught by Salesky et al. Thus, these references do not render obvious Claims 26 and 32.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 26 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quantrano et al. in view of Salesky et al. be withdrawn and these claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-1200.

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